

Veterans County Offices
Senate File 2134
As Amended by S-5329

Last Action:

House Floor

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to requirements and duties of members, directors, and employees of county commissions of veteran affairs.

Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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HOUSE AMENDMENT S-5329

CERTIFICATION TRAINING

STANDING APPROPRIATION

COUNTY OFFICE FUNDING

TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

**COUNTY OFFICE STAFFING
REQUIREMENTS**

FISCAL IMPACT

GOLD STAR PLATES

EFFECTIVE DATE

- *House amendment S-5329 is a strike-after amendment.*
- Requires certification training for Executive Directors and Administrators of County Commissions of Veterans Affairs.
- Creates an annual standing appropriation of \$1.0 million from the State General Fund beginning in FY 2010 for the County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund.
- Provides for \$10,000 annually to be distributed to each of the 99 counties for the staffing cost of the County Commission of Veterans Affairs from the Fund.
- Creates a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Training Program in the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs and establishes duties and provisions relating to the Program.
- Requires each County Commission to provide specified staff, provides for duties of the staff, and requires counties to provide a minimum of staff hours based on the population of the county.
- Statewide, it is estimated that the addition of required offices and hourly staffing requirements will cost counties an additional \$575,915. After application of the \$10,000 distributed to each of the counties, the estimated net cost to the affected counties is \$230,000 Statewide.
- Permits the surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased veteran that died as a result of service during a time of military conflict to purchase Gold Star license plates.
- The Section regarding the changes to eligibility for purchasing Gold Star license plates takes effect July 1, 2008. The Sections of the Bill relating to County Veteran Offices and funding take effect July 1, 2009 (FY 2010).